

Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Workgroup Meeting
Tribal, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Local Health Department (LHD) & Managed Care Organization (MCO) Healthy Kids Workgroup

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Glenda Grafton, Nevada Medicaid, DHCFP
Cathy Roe, Nevada Health Centers, Inc.
Patricia George, Ely Shoshone Health Department
Edith Burns, Southern NV Health District, PHN Team Leader

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Sal Ellis, Chair, called the meeting to order. The meeting began at 10:05 AM at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, 1900 Prosperity Street, Reno, Nevada and Sprint Intercall Conferencing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, JANUARY 4, 2007

Sal Ellis asked if there were any additions, changes, comments for the January 4, 2007 minutes. Nancy Cummins made the motion to accept minutes, seconded by Marti Cote. **MOTION APPROVED.**

TRIBAL HEALTH CENTERS AND MCO'S INVOLVEMENT, EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TRIBAL HEALTH CLINICS AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES (IHS) BILLING SYSTEM

Don McKinzey gave history on how Congress established a policy through public law by United States code to implement self-governance within the Department of Health and Human Services and to strengthen the federal government relationship with the Tribe. Mr. Mc Kinzey stated Tribal clinics do not follow the same rules as Indian Health clinics. The Tribal clinics have flexibility to negotiate contracts on their own decreasing the wait time for acquisitions.

When it comes to billing Medicaid/Medicare, they have a pre-negotiated all-inclusive rate for visits with Indian Health Service Clinics and bills are submitted electronically. The projected time line for centralized electronic billing is the week of July 9, 2007. Electronic Health Records are also in discussion. As far as the Managed Care and the relationship between the Tribe and Indian Health Services, some tribes have compacted, some do direct service, some have taken their appropriation for contracts for hospital and insurances, and they administer these programs themselves whereas other tribes have not.

Pamela Talas asked if Schurz Service unit provide contract health services for the Western and Southern Nevada region? Mr. McKinzey said that is correct.

FIRST HEALTH'S ON-LINE VIDEO TRAINING ON BILLING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Marti Coti spoke with First Health regarding the on-line video training on billing policy and procedures. She said this is not going to happen any time soon. However, First Health Services and the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy are hosting free "All Provider" Workshops this summer at three convenient locations: Reno - July 11 and July 12, Las Vegas – August 8 and 9, and Elko – August 22 and 23, 2007. Sessions for all providers will cover: National Provider Identified/Atypical Provider Identifier, electronic billing, electronic verification and recipient eligibility, third party liability, prior authorization, claim submission tips, and submitting appeals, adjustments, and voids. Registration is required by completing the "All Provider" Workshop registration form at <https://nevada.fhsc.com>.

EARLY PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT (EPSDT) PROVIDER MATRIX, WEBSITE SEARCH FOR CREDENTIALING AND CONTACTING HRSA REGARDING EPSDT RATES

Ms. Wagler reviewed the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) provider matrix included in the agenda packet. This tool is a culmination of discussions held in past meetings to offer one resource tool, answering many questions about tribal and rural resources. This group will also addressed education on the billing process for EPSDT screening, being reimbursed for the screenings, and reporting screenings. The billing and training resources have been addressed. The possibility of requesting feedback from providers once the screenings are done was discussed. This would enable the tracking of the number of screenings being reported. Ms. Cote said they report annually, on form CMS416 to the Federal government the number of screenings done.

Ms. Wagler advised the Nevada Health Division website (www.health.nv.gov) has been updated and gave the group navigating instructions. Forthcoming revisions and additions will include the concept of "some place to go for all the information you need", possibly include credentialing resources, post bookmarks with the "Go to" phone numbers, periodicity and immunization schedule and eventually add the EPSDT matrix. If there are any other suggestions for certification or additional resources the attendees would like to see on the website, please email Ms. Wagler.

MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESEARCHING AN AVENUE FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE EPSDT SCREENING TO A BROADER AUDIENCE –WHAT HEAD START/TRIBAL CLINICS ARE DOING IN DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL FACILITIES

Ms. Ellis advised that currently they are recruiting for the Tribal Clinic Director's position. Based on Head Start's analysis of inter bureau activities, feedback from parents, staff have identified gaps in the Head Start program. Future plans calls for a review of EPSDT activities through the Health Advocate. The initiative to combine childcare and Head Start program has been put a hold as of last week due to lack funding until the first quarter in 2008.

DISCUSS NEXT POTENTIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS AND SELECT DATES FOR THE NEXT MEETINGS

Attendees suggested update on the all-inclusive billing rate, tracking of the Healthy Kids EPSDT screens and electronic Health Record coding. Re-evaluate what topics remain to be addressed by the group. The next subcommittee meeting will be on August 16, 2007 at 10 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

None

The meeting adjourned at **11:05 AM**